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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY Newsletter  
For Customers of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department



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For more than 35 years, the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and its members have celebrated **National Drinking Water Week, May 4-10** – a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives. Having clean, safe

reliable drinking water far exceeds filling a glass of water straight from the tap. Consider the many ways water affects our lives that we probably don't even consider:

- 40 percent of water is used in agriculture to grow foods to eat and beverages to drink
  - 32 gallons of water is needed to make one glass of wine
  - 19 gallons of water yields one apple
  - 1,230 gallons of water is necessary for the production of one beef steak
- 46 percent of water is consumed in manufacturing products to buy
  - 700 gallons of water is needed to manufacture one t-shirt
  - 2,100 gallons of water produces just one pair of leather shoes
  - 40,000 gallons of water is needed to manufacture a single car

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) also plays a role in ensuring the water used to drink, cook with and manufacture with is safe. WASD is proud of the water it delivers to the more than 2.3 million people each day in Miami-Dade County. The department is the largest utility in the Southeastern United States and ninth largest water utility in the nation. WASD tests its water more than 150,000 times annually and the County's water meets or exceeds all local, state and federal requirements.

## WASD Releases Annual Water Quality Report

WASD released its 2013 Water Quality Report-also known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).The CCR **provides a snapshot of drinking water quality** each year based on the prior year's testing results.

WASD staff works 24-hours-a-day, year-round to ensure that high quality drinking water is available to its customers.

Every water utility in the United States is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to produce an annual CCR and distribute a copy to each of its billed customers by July 1st. To view the CCR, click [here](#).



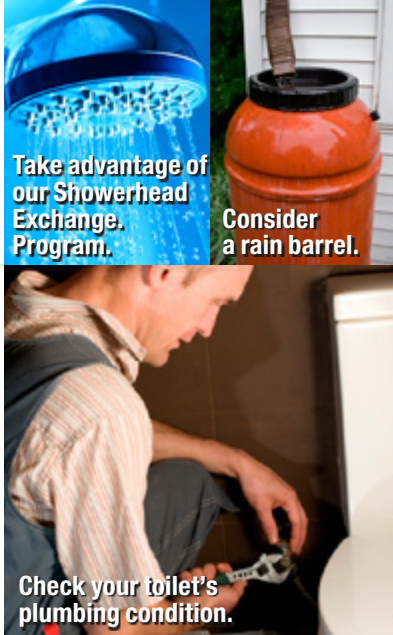


## Did you know...

that if you let the faucet run each time you brush your teeth that you waste about 5 gallons of water? It adds up to about 2,000 gallons of water each year per person. So remember to turn off the tap when you brush. Little changes can result in big savings.



Check your faucets for any leaks.



Take advantage of our Showerhead Exchange Program.

Consider a rain barrel.

Check your toilet's plumbing condition.

# April is Water Conservation Month

## Make a tremendous difference on our limited water supply thru simple steps

April is considered the month for the height of dry season in South Florida and for that reason it has been designated as Water Conservation Month. This is the time when decreased rainfall and peak water demands puts stress on regional water supplies. There are several simple and common sense actions each of us can take that when added up throughout the year can make a tremendous difference on our limited water supply.

Conservation is essential year-round to buffer the impacts of weather extremes, such as the drought. Water conservation habits include installing an aerator on your sink, watering the lawn by hand or installing high-efficiency appliances, such as a showerhead or energy-efficient washing machine.

You can also save money on your water bill by being conservation-minded. For conservation tips and ideas to decrease your water bill, go to [www.miamidade.gov/conservation](http://www.miamidade.gov/conservation).

## Make a pledge, win a car!

**April is Water Conservation Month.** To mark the occasion, how about taking part in a little friendly competition? Throughout the month of April communities across America are being challenged to commit to sustainability by making a series of pledges to conserve water, energy and other natural resources.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez has taken the pledge on behalf of the County. "I am committed to the efficient use of our precious natural resources and support the nationwide Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. By pledging my commitment to sustainability for Miami-Dade County, I encourage each resident to also take the challenge," the mayor said. "The effort we make today will positively impact our community for future generations."

Take the Wyland Foundation's Annual National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation at [www.mywaterpledge.com](http://www.mywaterpledge.com) if you're game. You'll be eligible to win cool prizes including a Toyota Prius, Toro smart irrigation controllers, gift cards for water saving products and more.

